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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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AND

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OF THE

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1872.

TOWN CLERK.

BENJAMIN R. WHEELER.

SELECTMEN.

GEORGE N. AUSTIN, WILLIAM B. KIMBALL,
GILMAN D. KELLY.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE C. HOWARD.

OVERSEER OF POOR.

GEORGE N. AUSTIN.

COLLECTOR.

WILLIAM G. CROWELL.

AUDITORS.

EDWARD GRIFFIN, DANIEL N. RUSS,
JAMES A TROY.

CONSTABLES.

CHARLES M. VITTUM, ASA S. AUSTIN,
WILLARD W. MERRILL.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, March 1, 1871,	\$3052 02
Received of John Austin, uncollected taxes,	3,027 91
“ Eliphalet Coburn,	2,000 00
“ Ira Sanborn,	1,300, 00
“ Ruth Whitaker,	200 00
“ County for Paupers,	124 60
“ Ira Sanborn,	252 49
“ Charlotte Duston,	1,000 00
“ Jonathan G. Clough,	225 00
“ Ruth Whitaker,	100 00
“ Daniel Taylor,	500 00
“ William G. Crowell, collector of taxes,	12,718 54
“ Eliphalet Coburn,	730 54
“ State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	110 10
“ “ Railroad Tax,	593 93
“ “ Savings Bank Tax,	136 89
“ Town of Wilmot, on account of A. P. H. Brown,	13 00
“ School District No. 2,	200 00
“ McLaughlin & Morrison, for Oxen,	153 94
“ Asa S. Austin, for Town Hall,	45 50
	\$26,485 46

Paid on Account of Schools.

District No. 1.—Town Appropriation,	\$258 74
Railroad Money,	59 39
Literary Fund,	44 76
Special School Tax,	120 00
	482 89

District No. 2.—Town Appropriation,	65 62	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	11 25	136 36
District No. 3.—Town Appropriation,	79 13	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	13 68	152 20
District No. 4.—Town Appropriation,	132 03	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	22 84	214 26
District No. 5.—Town Appropriation,	124 43	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	21 52	
Special School Tax,	47 50	252 84
District No. 6.—Town Appropriation,	298 28	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	51 60	409 27
District No. 7.—Town Appropriation,	128 66	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	22 15	210 20
District No. 8.—Town Appropriation,	112 01	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	19 37	190 77
District No. 9.—Town Appropriation,	119 89	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	20 74	200 02
District No. 10.—Town Appropriation,	106 62	
Railroad Money,	59 39	
Literary Fund,	18 44	184 45
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		\$2,433 26

Paid on Account of Roads and Bridges.

Paid William L. Bradford, working Highway	
Tax in District No. 1,	47 00
William B. Bartlett, in District No. 2,	45 00
Robert Emerson, " " No. 3,	44 00
Thaddeus Richardson, " " No. 4,	23 00
John F. Smith, " " No. 5,	52 50
Isaac Thom, " " No. 6,	130 00

Paid Isaac Woodbury, working Highway Tax,			
	Dist. No. 7,		58 00
Darius M. Thom,	" No. 8,		25 00
Jesse W. Bradford,	" No. 9,		28 00
Issacher A. Foster,	" No. 10,		34 00
Francis B. Kelley,	" No. 12,		200 00
Horace W. Hunt,	" No. 13,		19 95
Fry Austin,	" No. 14,		38 00
Leverett B. Emerson,	" No. 15,		48 00
Emerson A. Davis,	" No. 16,		27 00
John H. Dunlap,	" No. 17,		55 00
Mathew H. Taylor,	" No. 18,		160 00
Moore's Bailey,	" No. 19,		104 99
Samuel Cook, Jr.,	" No. 20,		50 00
Franklin A. Goodhue,	" No. 21,		20 00
William P. Merrill,	" No. 22,		48 00
Samuel P. Kelley,	" No. 23,		109 00
Thomas B. Middleton,	" No. 24,		79 55
Harvey Harris,	" No. 25,		26 00
Gilman D. Kelley,	" No. 26,		37 40
Levi Cluff,	" No. 27,		50 00
George W. Silver,	" No. 28,		42 00
Jonathan B. Gardner,	" No. 29,		32 00
Charles Day,	" No. 30,		20 28
Charles Day, for 1870,	" No. 30,		23 00
Samuel P. Kelley, Plank and Stringers for Bridge,			12 00
Isaac Thom, repairing Bridge and Gravel,			8 98
John Clark, repairing Highway,			2 00
William Stanton,			4 00
George Copps, Railing Posts for Causeway,			15 00
Lorenzo W. Chase, sixty Guide Boards,			15 00
Dean Woodbury, repairing Highway,			5 57
Charles W. Kimball, building Bridge,			65 00
William G. Crowell, 855 feet of Plank for Bridge,			15 39
Richard Taylor, 2393 ft. do. do.			38 28
William Hazelton, 530 ft. do. do.			9 68
Robert H. McDonald, repairing Bridge in 1870,			2 25
Levi Cluff, repairing Highway,			7 00

Paid Levi Cluff, Stringer for Bridge,	3 25
Daniel Merrill, 54 ft. of Plank	1 08
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	\$1,880 65

Paid on Account of Snow Paths.

Paid Charles Day for Breaking Roads in 1869,	3 26
Horace W. Hunt, " "	5 75
John F. Smith, " "	1 00
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	\$10 01

Paid on Account of Contingencies.

Paid David Loud note and interest,	463 00
George S. Merrill, printing town reports,	49 00
Isaiah L. Webster, interest on two notes for 1870,	48 72
David Webster 2d, interest on two notes 1870,	48 00
Elbridge O. Butler, note and interest,	677 50
Betsey Moulton, interest on note,	13 50
William B. Kimball, balance services as Selectman,	8 00
Geo. C. Howard, for record of births and deaths,	13 50
Joseph Buxton, for dinners of selectmen,	13 95
John Taylor, part pay of note,	5000 00
John K. Dunlap, interest on note,	7 61
Ira Sanborn, note and interest,	252 49
William Crawford, note and interest,	1137 37
Mary A. Duston, part pay of note,	150 00
Benjamin F. Wheeler, note and interest,	730 54
Mary Duston, note and interest,	141 42
Edward Griffin, services as Auditor,	6 00
Gilman D. Kelley, services as selectman,	25 00
School district No. 6, school house tax,	47 00
William G. Crowell, for collecting taxes,	150 00
Mary Allen, interest on two notes,	18 00

Paid Obadiah Duston, note and interest,	155 55
County Treasurer, county tax,	1899 15
John Taylor, note and interest,	1328 66
Committee on receiving tomb,	500 00
A. H. Merrill, painting 61 guide boards,	61 00
Pike & Heald, stove and freight for Hull,	14 88
State Treasurer State tax,	2352 00
Pearson Bros., funnel for Hall,	6 99
Benjamin Kittredge, 2 guide posts,	5 25
William B. Stott, bolts and washers for guide posts;	3 00
School District No. 3, interest on note,	16 08
Pedrick & Closson, 24 settees,	92 40
E. B. Homer, stove for Town House,	2 00
School District No. 2, note and interest,	239 92
School District No. 3, school house tax,	45 06
Abram French & Co., lamps and freight for Hall,	15 25
C. M. Vittum, notifying town officers,	11 00
Martha J. Prince, interest on note,	12 00
David Webster, 2d, interest on two notes for 1871,	48 00
Isaiah L. Webster, interest on note for 1871,	24 00
Jane Paul, note and interest,	1338 21
Jacob Rowell, 1 sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
Thomas A. Rowell, 3 sheep killed by dogs, and damage to others,	15 00
William G. Crowell, services as Moder- ator, 1871,	2 00
William G. Crowell, printing tax bills,	7 00
William G. Crowell, balance collecting taxes, 1871,	25 00
William G. Crowell, discount on taxes for 1871,	687 45
John Austin, collecting taxes for 1870,	150 00
John Austin, printing tax bill for 1870,	5 50
Geo. C. Howard, services superintending school committee,	65 00
Geo. C. Howard, printing and posting school laws,	10 00

Paid T. L. Wood, carting settees from Lawrence,	2 00
Asa S. Austin, steps and shelf for Hall,	2 00
Oil and chimneys for Hall,	1 47
William B. Kimball, for services as selectman,	62 00
Geo. N. Austin, services as town treasurer, 1870,	40 00
Geo. N. Austin, balance services selectman, 1870,	20 00
Geo. N. Austin, cash paid for dinners when taking invoice,	6 00
Geo. N. Austin, expense to Concord twice on account reimbursement,	5 65
Geo. N. Austin, dinners while putting up guide boards,	3 00
Geo. N. Austin, nails and washers for guide boards,	50
Geo. N. Austin, expense to Portsmouth, to get County money,	2 50
Geo. N. Austin, expense to Concord, to pay State Tax,	2 70
Geo. N. Austin, envelope and stamps,	85
Geo. N. Austin, lock for selectmen's room,	74
Geo. N. Austin, Geo. C. Gordon, taking deposition,	1 00
Geo. N. Austin, expense to Exeter to get County money,	2 00
Geo. N. Austin, services as Overseer of the Poor,	22 00
Geo. N. Austin, services as selectman,	76 50
Geo. N. Austin, use of horse at different times,	30 00
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	\$18,425 81

Paid on Account of Abatements.

Paid John Clark, abatement on tax 1870,	9 86
Ebenezer L. Saunders, on tax 1871,	5 50

Paid John Page, on tax 1871,	5 61
John Austin, collector, on tax 1869,	26 73
“ “ “ 1870,	149 67
Town Farm, on tax 1870,	66 17
Gilman Parker's heirs, on tax 1870,	11 58
Philip Ayer, on tax 1871,	5 38
Joseph F. Ingalls, on tax 1871,	14 24
William G. Crowell, collector, on tax 1868,	23 12
Town Farm, tax 1871,	64 90
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	\$382 76

Paid on Account of Almshouse.

Paid John J. Merrill, use of horse for town farm,	\$13 00
Loring R. Hadley, for horse,	175 00
John Hall, blacksmith work,	11 33
Jonathan G. Clough, balance services at Town Farm for 1870,	225 00
McKinnon & Broth, draft harness and re- pairing collar,	5 00
John Hall, blacksmith work,	20 13
Asa L. Austin, wheelwright work,	9 50
J. G. Clough, services in part at almshouse,	50 00
Jonathan K. Gordon, for cow,	40 00
William B. Kimball, balance between cows,	15 00
John M. Bailey, for cow,	15 50
Jonathan G. Clough, for almshouse,	160 00
Asa S. Austin, wagon shaft,	1 25
Asa S. Austin, horse sled,	25 00
John Austin, goods for town of Salem,	25 80
Geo. N. Austin, 24 bus. corn for town farm,	24 00
Geo. N. Austin, for yoke,	2 00
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	\$817 51

Paid on Account of Barn at Almshouse.

Paid Alonzo E. Woodbury, for sawing lumber,	76 90
Jonathan Page, pointing cellar,	10 00
Reed & Kempton, building barn,	450 00

Paid Reed & Kempton, 11 window frames,	9 80
Reed & Kempton, 121 feet gutter,	16 94
Reed & Kempton, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days extra labor on house and barn,	28 50
E P. Morse, shingles and clapboards,	248 73
Daniel H. Webster, stone posts and under pinning,	15 75
William A. Kimball & Co., nails and hard- ware for barn,	66 90
Richard Taylor, 2471 feet boards,	48 42
Richard Taylor, planing & jointing boards,	14 95
Cyrus Williams, 19 windows,	32 99
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	\$1019 88
Collin Kerr & Co., painting town farm buildings,	175 00
E. P. Morse, shingles for shed,	28 68
Basile Lagasse, for chopping cord wood,	152 10
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	\$355 78

Cash paid for Paupers Not at Almshouse.

Paid E. G. Haynes, for boarding Frank L. and Sarah L. Hildreth from Oct. 10, 1870, to April. 10, 1871,	26 00
Geo. C. Howard,, for medicine and attend- ance for Hannah Rowell,	4 50
Geo. C. Howard, medicine and attendance for A. P. H. Brown,	13 00
E. G. Haynes, for boarding Sarah L. Hil- dreth from April 10, 1871, to Oct 10, 1871,	13 00
Jonathan K. Gordon, for goods delivered to John Carroll,	2 29
Geo. H. Taylor, for goods delivered to John Carroll,	1 28
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	\$60 07

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of money received by	
Treasurer,	\$26,485 46
Paid on acc't of contingent expense,	18,425 81
" Roads and Bridges,	1,880 65
Paid on acct. of Snow Paths,	10 01
" Almshouse,	2,193 17
" Transient Poor,	60 07
" Abatement of Taxes,	382 76
" Schools,	2,433 26
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1,099 73
	<hr/> \$26,485 46

GEO. N. AUSTIN, TOWN TREASURER.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Outstanding Notes against the Town.

Matthew H. Taylor's Note, due	Feb. 19, 1872,	\$1,070 58
School Dist. No. 10,	" Dec. 16, 1871,	225 54
" No. 2,	" Dec. 16, 1871,	200 00
" No. 3,	" Mar. 20, 1872,	150 56
Eliphalet Coburn,	" Sept 3, 1872,	1,873 51
" " " "	" April 3, 1872,	1,009 98
" " " "	" Dec. 31, 1871,	238 20
John L. Prince,	" Oct. 21, 1872,	200 00
Ira Sanborn,	" May 8th, '72,	267 64
Ann Loomis,	" Oct. 10, '71,	6,370 05
Enoch Taylor,	" June 19, '72,	535 29
" " " "	" Nov. 11, '71,	171 61
" " " "	" Dec. 31, '71,	238 20
" " " "	" May 25, '72,	398 24
Betsey Moulton,	" June 24, '72,	252 81
Mary Austin,	" July 26, '72,	5,672 56
John H. Dunlap,	" April 28, '72,	132 61
David Webster, 2d.,	" Dec. 12, '71,	650 00
" " " "	" Dec. 25, '71,	150 00
Isaiah L. Webster,	" Feb. 7, '72,	212 00
" " " "	" Dec. 25, '71,	400 00

Ruth Whitaker's Note, due	Feb. 17, '72,	1,191 01
Albertus Coburn, "	Dec. 29, '71,	595 50
S. G. Jewett, "	July 23, '72,	315 61
Benjamin Da y, "	June 29, '71,	1,211 53
Eliza A. D. Kimball, "	"	1,211 53
Mary A. Duston, "	Oct. 1, '71,	4,341 85
"	"	561 80
B. Pettengill, "	Jan. 10, '72,	337 08
Albertus Coburn, "	Feb. 22, '72,	898 88
Obadiah Duston, "	"	112 36
Cyrus Wilson, "	March 21, '72,	171 76
Mary Renou, "	Dec. 4, '71,	461 38
Nathaniel B. Duston, "	Oct. 13, '71,	225 52
Eliphalet Coburn, "	Feb. 22, '72,	1,123 60
Joseph A. Cross, "	March 6, '72,	952 81
Gilman D. Kelley, "	March 26, '72,	112 36
Mary Allen, "	March 17, '72,	212 00
Washington Woodbury, "	April 13, '72,	224 72
Jonathan G. Clough, "	April 19, '72,	112 36
Eliphalet Coburn, "	April 30, '72,	1,685 40
Mary Allen, "	May 9, '72,	106 00
Jemima Hall, "	Jan. 30, '72,	525 27
Daniel J. Day, "	Feb. 22, '72,	526 25
Eliphalet Coburn, "	March 18, '72,	2,120 00
Ira Sanborn, "	March 25, '72,	1,378 00
Ruth Whitaker, "	April 1, '72,	212 00
Charlotte Duston, "	May 12, '72,	1,060 00
Ruth Whitaker, "	June 3, '72,	106 00
Daniel Taylor, "	July 20, '71,	500 00
Eliphalet Coburn, "	Aug. 15, '71,	730 54

\$43,742 50

Due the Town.

From the County for Support of Pau-	
pers,	35 00
United States, for Bounties,	3,153 20
Wm. G. Crowell, uncollected	
taxes for 1871,	1,500 00

From State, for Reimbursements,		
Jan. 1, 1872,	10,816 67	
Town Treasurer,	1,009 73	
C. W. Crowell, for Wood,	571 81	
	<hr/>	\$17,176 41
Leaving a balance against the town of		<hr/> \$26,566 09

GEO. N. AUSTIN,	} Selectmen	
WM. B. KIMBALL,		of
GILMAN D. KELLEY,		Salem.

REPORT

OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Dr.

To Cash on hand,	\$20 98
To Cash received from Town Treasurer,	160 00
To Cash received for Milk,	220 00
“ Board,	117 00
“ Eggs,	25 00
“ Calves,	13 50
“ Potatoes,	20 60
“ Peas,	10 00
“ one Beef Cow,	27 00
“ Pigs,	12 00
“ Squashes,	7 00
“ Straw,	10 50
“ Chickens,	13 00
“ Cash,	10 00
“ Beef and Hide,	7 20
“ Pork,	37 65
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	\$711 43

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By Cash paid for Corn and Meal,	\$126 97
“ Supplies,	291 42
“ Dry Goods,	47 30
“ Grass Seed and Phosphate of Lime,	24 15
“ Plow Point and Hinges,	2 10
“ Lime and Soap,	12 85
“ Boots and Shoes,	10 50
“ Flour and Butter,	54 95
“ Auger and Bolts,	2 75
“ Soap and Yarn,	6 25
“ Crockery-ware and Filing Saws,	2 18
“ Seed Oats and Door,	4 90
“ Potash and Cleaning House,	3 12
“ Painting and Oil,	4 34
“ Meat,	57 90
“ Butter and Raisins,	6 80
“ Fish and Barrel,	12 17
“ Horse-shoeing and Brewery Grain,	16 66
“ Sundries,	9 00
“ White-washing and Pump,	12 00
“ Balance in Superintendent's hands,	3 12
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	\$711 43

J. G. CLOUGH, SUP'T.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Rec'd of J. G. Clough, Cash and Sup-	
plies,	\$711 43
“ County, for Support of Pau-	
pers,	124 60
“ McLaughlin & Morrison for	
Oxen,	153 94
Due from County, Support of Paupers,	35 00

Due from C. W. Crowell, for Wood,	571 81	
Total amount of receipts,		\$1,596 78
Paid on account of Almshouse,	\$817 51	
Paid J. G. Clough, for Supplies,	711 43	
" on Acc't of Transient Poor,	60 07	
Paid on Acc't of Barn at Almshouse,	1,019 88	
Paid for Painting Town Farm Build- ings,	175 00	
Paid for Shingles for Shed,	28 68	
for Chopping Cord Wood,	152 10	
Due J. G. Clough, for Services,	300 00	
		\$3,264 67
Leaving a balance against the Town Farm of		\$1,667 89
Number of Paupers at Town Farm :—males, 4 ; females 3.—Total, 7.		
GEO. N. AUSTIN, OVERSEER OF POOR.		

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, March 1871,	\$19 12	
Received for Lots,	31 75	
		\$50 87
Cash paid John Hall, for Blacksmith work,	3 50	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	47 37	
		\$50 87

GEO. N. AUSTIN,	} Committee.
W. B. KIMBALL,	
GILMAN D. KELLEY,	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

BUILDING RECEIVING TOMB,

IN PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

Dr.

1871.	Cash received of Town Treasurer,	500 00	
	Cash received of Chas. Day, for wood in cemetery,	3 25	
		<hr/>	\$503 25

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Nov. 1.	Paid Richardson Young & Co. stone for front and sill,	\$215 00	
	131 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet covering stone, at .40,	52 50	
		<hr/>	267 50
	Deduct for labor on their account,	2 60	
		<hr/>	264 90
Nov. 10.	Enoch R. Morse, iron door,		40 00
Nov. 25.	Manchester & Lawrence R. R., freight on door,		33
	Express on box of hinges, lock, &c.,		25
Nov. 1.	E. R. & W. Lamb & Co., ventilator,		2 00
Sept. 30.	Silas Hall, teaming 2 loads stone chips,		4 00
Sept. 13.	Horse and wagon on account of tomb,		75
Sept. 27.	Transportation of door from depot to tomb,		75
Sept.	Asa S. Austin, lumber and use of horse,		1 00
Sept. 25.	Littlefield & Pratt, 2 casks cement,		5 50
	2 casks lime,		3 00
	Teaming from Lawrence,		2 00
Oct. 28.	Rufus Reed & Co., 1 cask lime,		1 55
	1 cask cement,		2 75
	Teaming same,		50
Aug. 26.	John C. Ewins, powder and fuse,		34
Aug. 26.	John Hall, sharpening drills,		22

Nov.	Dudley W. Jones, labor,	50
Nov. 2.	Joseph Marston, $\frac{1}{2}$ days work,	88
Nov. 3.	7 days work, self and oxen,	26 25
Dec. 1.	Francis B. Kelly, labor,	34 90
Aug. 26.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ days work,	5 00
"	Horse to Messer's,	75
"	Horse to O. Duston's,	75
Aug. 26.	Amos Emerson, 5 hours work,	1 00
Nov. 2.	1 days work,	1 75
Aug. 26.	Orlo Austin, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days work,	5 00
	1 days work,	2 00
Nov. 2.	Alfred Page, 1 days work,	1 75
Nov. 2.	Alson L. Page, 1 days work,	1 75
Nov. 3.	" "	1 75
Jan. 1, '72.	Vittum and Palmer, blacksmithing,	3 40
	Nathan Perley, 14 days work, at \$2,25 per day,	31 50
Nov. 9, '71.	Richard H. Russ, 10 days and 3 hours work, at \$3,00 per day,	30 90
Feb. 1872.	Benj. R. Wheeler, 4 trips to Pelham,	
	1 " Lawrence,	
	1 " Haverhill,	
	2 " Frost's,	
	1 " No. Salem,	16 18
	William Frost, setting front of Tomb,	7 75
	N. Webster, $\frac{1}{2}$ days work,	1 00
	L. Cluff, lime and cement,	4 50
	M. E. Society, stone,	30 00
	Jerome Kelley, 16 days work, at \$2,50,	40 00
	" brimstone,	50
Ap. 14, '71.	James Ayer, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Haverhill,	1 00
May 13.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Lawrence,	1 00
July 5.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Haverhill,	1 00
July 8.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Pelham,	1 00
Aug.	3 days work,	6 00
Oct. 31,	$\frac{1}{2}$ days work,	1 00
Nov. 1.	1 days work,	2 00
Nov. 2.	1 days work,	2 00
		<hr/> 15 00
Whole amount paid out,		\$594 67
Cash received		503 25
Balance against the town,		<hr/> \$91 42

JAMES AYER,
BENJ. R. WHEELER, } Committee.

The Auditors having examined the foregoing Accounts, find them correctly cast and satisfactorily vouched for.

EDWARD GRIFFIN, }
JAMES A. TROY, } *Auditors.*

Appraisal of Personal Property at Almshouse.

Three and one-half tons English hay, \$115 00; run hay, 25 00; 6 cows, 275 00; 1 bull, 25 00; 1 yearling heifer, 12 00; 31 fowls, 31 00; 1 horse, 190 00; 6 shoats, 60 00; 3 ladders, 4 50; 5 hay forks, 2 50; 2 shovels, 1 50; 3 manure forks, 3 00; 3 iron bars, 3 00; 1 drag rake, 50; 2 sleighs, 30 00; 1 harrow, 4 00; meal boxes, .50; 1 cow bell, .50; hand sled and wheelbarrow, 1 00; 1 horse sled, 25 00; 1 pig rack, .50; 1 ox sled, 2 00; 2 bush scythes, 2 00; 1 ox cart, 45 00; 1 drag, 3 00; 4 hoes, 2 00; flails and manure hook, .75; 12 chains, 10 00; 1 harness, 10 00; 1 draft harness, 3 00; Garden hoe and rake, .50; 2 corn cutters, .50; Grindstone, 3 00; 1 horse wagon, 40 00; 1 farm and hay rack, 25 00; pulley blocks, 2 50; 4 ploughs, 20 00; 2 picks, 1 50; 2 scythes and snaiths, 3 00; wedges, 1 00; cultivator, 4 00; buffalo robe, 1 00; currycomb brush and wrench, 1 50; well wheel and horse fetters, 1 50; 2 halters, 1 00; 2 yokes, 4 00; 8 bags, 2 00; set of measures, .75; 4 rakes, 1 00; 2 scalding tubs, .50; baskets, 2 50; nails, 1 00; hay fork, .25; lot lumber, 15 00; meal chest and meat bench, 2 00; fire wood, 70 00; 2 wash boards, 20; 1 whitewash brush, .25; 2 umbrellas, 1 00; 2 brass kettles, 3 00; 1 clothes line, .75; 2 wash tubs, 1 00; 100 lbs. fine feed, 1 80; 2 bus. meal, 1 50; corn, 10 00; rye meal, 1 50; 3 churns, 7 00; pails, 2 00; cheese press and fixing, 5 00; 1 butter box, 1 50; 20 lbs. butter, 7 00; 100 lbs. lard, 13 00; 20 lbs. tallow, 1 60; 6 doz. candles, .75; butter bowl, .75; tray, .75; tin ware, 20 00; lantern, 1 00; 4 stone jars and earthen pots, 1 00; 4 flat irons, 2 00; lamps and candlesticks, 1 00; 1 pair steelyards, .50; mortar, .50; 2 mirrors and 2 clocks, 3 50; trunks and chest of drawers, 12 00; lot jugs, 2 00; lot crockery, 8 00; warming pan and bed pan, 2 00; traps, 1 00; 6 axes and hatchet, 5 00; 5 saws, 2 50; cross-cut saw, 1 00; 8 milk cans, 2 50; 7 bus. beans, 24 50; 10 gals. vinegar, 4 00; safe crib, 2 00; 5 augers and bog hoe, 1 25; 2 iron squares, .75; shaving horse and vice, 1 00; chest and carpenter's tools, 7 50; rasps and files, .50; hammer and stone tools, 3 50; 2 broad axes, 2 00; lot of old iron, 4 50; clothes wringer, 5 00; desk and shoe tools, 1 00; sideboard, 5 00; 16 feather beds, 125 00; 26 pillows, 9 00;

quilts and comforters, 45 00; 28 pillow cases, 4 75; 9 bolsters, 5 00; wearing apparel, 85 00; 15 pairs sheets, 20 00; chairs and tables, 16 00; 20 towels, 2 50; oil table cloth, 1 00; 2 table cloths, 2 00; window curtains, 2 00; knives and forks, 2 00; matches, .60; 1 lb. tea, 1 25; spices, 1 00; cupboards, 2 00; lot books, 1 00; spoons, .50; iron ware, 3 50; bedsteads, 20 00; handcuffs, 1 00; 10 straw beds, 8 00; 100 lbs. beef, 10 00; 40 lbs. sausage, 6 00; soap, 3 50; 3 lbs. tobacco, 1 65; 60 bus. potatoes, 36 00; cabbage, 1 50; turnips, 1 00; beets, 1 00; casks, 5 00; 400 lbs. pork, 50 00; 125 lbs. ham, 17 50; cranberries, 3 00; onions, .50; ashes, 1 50; brooms, 1 00; dried apples, 1 50; bed cord, 1 00; 2 iron kettles, 1 00; sugar, 1 00; 3 stoves and funnel, 60 00; eggs, 1 25.

Appraisal of Real Estate owned by the Town.

Town Farm,	\$5500 00
Woodland,	100 00
Town House,	1000 00
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Personal property at almshouse,	1845 35
Town safe,	450 00
Hearse and runners,	450 00
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF SALEM, N. H.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1872.

DISTRICT No. 1.

THE Schools in this District, as for several years past, have been managed under the provisions of the Somersworth Act, and have been superintended by a Committee of the District, whose report is appended.

DISTRICT No. 2.

This School was taught by Miss Aurella A. Gardner, Summer and Winter. Although the smallest school in town, it is by no means the poorest. Miss Gardner commenced her school under very favorable circumstances, having taught in this district before. Her school appeared well at each of our visits, and the examination at the close of last term was very good. Classes in Geography and Arithmetic made decidedly the best appearance of any school in town.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The Summer and Winter Terms of this school were taught by Miss N. Jennie Mills, of Haverhill. Miss Mills had taught in this district the previous year, and we notice our predecessor makes no mention of her school, for what reason we do not know.

Miss Mills' school during the Summer Term prospered well, the pupils making as good progress as in other schools. But during her last term, the teacher did not have the interest in her school a teacher ought to have. Some complaint was made by parents, during the last term, that she did not commence her school in season in the morning, and would often close from half an hour to an hour too early at night. The classes at the examination appeared badly, pupils lacking both interest and energy.

DISTRICT No. 4.

This District did not have a Summer Term, but a Fall Term of twelve weeks, and a Winter Term of ten weeks. The school was taught both terms by Miss Hattie A. Tilton, of Derry. Miss Tilton came to her work aided by much experience. She exhibited more than an ordinary degree of interest and zeal in the school-room, and succeeded, to a remarkable extent, in imparting that interest and zeal to her pupils. She taught her scholars to *think*. This is something that is not done in all schools. Her method of teaching was thorough, and her government decided. Some fault was found by a few parents in the district in regard to her punishing so much and so severely; but this district (as well as some others in town) has a few head-strong boys, and they needed a very steady and strict hand to manage them. The teacher has the entire approval of your committee.

DISTRICT No 5.

This school has been taught the past year (three terms) by Miss Fannie E. Tilton, of Derry. It is not a large school at any time, but before the last term closed, it dwindled down to very

few pupils. We can give no reason, except a lack of interest by both parents and pupils. The teacher seems to have exerted her best efforts to advance the scholars, and promote the best interests of the school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Summer Term of four weeks and two days was taught by Miss M. A. Chase, daughter of the Prudential committee. The Fall and Winter Terms have been taught by Mr. Cutler, of Lawrence. Mr. Cutler we consider an excellent teacher, although this was his first experience in teaching. In this district there has for several terms past been a great deal of trouble, and much fault found with the teacher. But since Mr. Cutler commenced his school we have heard none whatever. This is the only school in town where a male teacher has been employed the past year.

DISTRICT No. 7.

This school was under the direction of Miss M. Ella Underwood, of Pelham. She also had charge of it one term the previous year. This school was well managed during Miss Underwood's administration. The pupils were prompt in their recitations, and decorous in their behavior in school. The examination at the close of this term was the best we ever attended: not a question missed. Their instruction had been thorough, and the progress as good as could be desired.

The Winter Term has been under the care of Miss Bradford, of Derry, an old teacher. Her school is still in progress, and we believe Miss Bradford is having a good degree of success.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term taught by Miss Lizzie Wilson. This was Miss Wilson's first experience in teaching. School during this term not large. The teacher succeeded in gaining the affections of her

pupils, and maintained good order, and the school appeared well at the close of the term. The Winter Term was taught by Miss Mary A. Thom. This was also Miss Thom's first school. The School was much larger than the previous term, and we are sorry to say that some of the scholars were inclined to try their teacher a great deal, knowing it to be her first experience in teaching. We think, however, the parents were as much to blame as the pupils for many of the annoyances that occurred to disturb the harmony of the school.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The teacher during the Summer Term was Miss Emogene Thomas. The experience of the teacher, and her former connection with this school, have well prepared her to make it, what it has emphatically been, a profitable school. We think we may safely say, that in no term has it been more so than in the past. The progress was all that ought to be expected or desired. Her method of instruction was wisely adapted to the capacity of the pupils, and the discipline was mild, yet firm. We hope her services may be secured for some of our schools again. The Winter Term was taught by Miss Flanders, a teacher of much experience and ability. Miss Flanders worked with a great deal of zeal and energy; and her school made good progress. We consider this district uncommonly fortunate in having, for both terms, so good teachers.

DISTRICT No. 10.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Cook, of Derry. This teacher had not had any experience in teaching before this term. She, however, applied her best energies to the work, and accomplished a good degree of success. The Winter Term was taught by Miss Little, of Hampstead. Her management of the school gave evidence of good ability for a teacher.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Much has been said heretofore in regard to the school-houses of our town ; perhaps enough. But we cannot refrain from saying something, as there has been no change, except that which is caused by the ruthless hand of time. The school-houses in several of the districts, even in their best estate, would fall far short of what they should be. Hardly a school-house in town has proper ventilation, and this, in our opinion, is a very essential feature. Most of them are without suitable furniture. In some of the houses there is not a chair safe for any one to sit in. Some, in place of a table, have an old desk, evidently the property of the great-great-grandfather of some of the pupils. This is a sad mistake. Every school-room should be made as attractive as possible ; not with *expensive*, but with comfortable and convenient furniture. Very few of the school-houses are properly supplied with blackboards. There is no more efficient help to the teacher, than a large, well painted, blackboard. It is no exaggeration to say, that six schools in town do not contain more blackboard than should be found in one well arranged school-room. We hope in those districts where their school-rooms are deficient in chairs, they may be supplied before the commencement of another term. We may add, in our closing remarks, that we hope, with the advent of more prosperous times, we shall see a better class of school-houses in several of the districts.

TEXT BOOKS.

A serious evil prevails in nearly all of our schools in town in having such a diversity of text books. Your committee has made no change in any of the schools in text books, as it has been only a short time since many of the present series were introduced, and parents think it quite unnecessary to have such frequent changes, and I fully agree with them. I will take occasion in this connection to mention the different text books I think should be used in place of the ones already in the schools. Many of the present books used are too blind and incomprehensive for a common school. I would suggest the use of the present Reader

and Speller, Greenleaf's Primary, Colburn's Mental, and Greenleaf's Common School and National Arithmetics; Mitchell's New Series, for Geography, and Wells' Grammar.

These books are used in many of the best schools in Massachusetts, and are called by competent judges the best text books in use. I hope my successor will make the much needed change.

TEACHERS.

A great hinderance to the prosperity of our schools we find to be in a want of tact, and lack of ability to govern and discipline a school well, on the part of the teacher. Of course this remark does not apply to all our teachers; as we have been favored with several whom it would be difficult to excel. And yet the saying, "as the teacher so the school," is true in every sense; and almost every failure may be traced to lack of ability to govern. Indeed, it may be said, that the success or failure of a teacher in a school almost always depends upon his or her ability to govern. We seldom hear of a teacher failing from want of knowledge. There are many excellent teachers who fail in a difficult position, but they will succeed finely in districts where scholars are well managed and governed at home. A school of rough, unmanageable, reckless scholars, uncontrolled at home, or even with a few such in a school, will require a stern and energetic teacher. In order to have good schools, the very highest requisite is to have good teachers. The one great hindrance to having good teachers, and therefore good schools, is the desire on the part of the prudential committee to have the greatest number of weeks schooling possible, without proper regard as to how good a school he may have. The only way to avoid this evil is, we think, to engage teachers who demand sufficient wages, and can command them; then we can expect something of them.

ABOLISHING THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

The law of the State gives each town the right to vote on the question of abolishing the district system. This matter is brought

to your notice, because I conceive it to be a question of great importance, and one that should have your careful investigation. I do not propose to present the arguments in favor of the change in this connection, but simply to urge citizens to examine the matter as they have opportunity, so that when it is brought up they can act upon it intelligently. The results of abolishing the district system have been universally beneficial. I have never heard of a town going back to the old plan after once adopting the new. There will undoubtedly be many objections made to this plan; but if this new system could be once adopted in this town, we could not, I think, be persuaded to go back again. Let every man carefully investigate this matter for himself, without prejudice, and I think this change can be easily made.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. HOWARD, M. D.,

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

District.	Summer or Winter.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Weeks.	Whole No. of scholars attending each term.	Average attendance.	Wages of teachers per month.	Town Appropriation.	Railroad Tax.	Literary Fund.	Prudential Committee.
No. 1.	Summer, Winter,	M. Ella Underwood, Miss Minard,	12	56	45	\$40 00	\$258 74	\$59 39	\$44 76	B. R. Wheeler.
No. 2.	Summer, Winter,	Aurelia Gardner, Aurelia Gardner,	19 8	17 11	12 9	25 00 25 00	65 62	59 39	11 35	George Larrabee.
No. 3.	Summer, Winter,	N. Jennie Mills, N. Jennie Mills,	12 14	33 29	29 23	26 00 26 00	79 13	59 39	13 68	Amos Brown.
No. 4.	Summer, Winter,	Hattie A. Tilton, Hattie A. Tilton,	12 10	33 38	28 30	37 00 7 00	132 03	59 39	22 28	Matthew H. Taylor.
No. 5.	Summer, Winter,	Fannie E. Tilton, Fannie E. Tilton,	12 23	19 18	17 16	25 00 25 00	124 43	59 39	21 52	Samuel Cook.
No. 6.	Summer, Winter,	M. A. Chase, Arthur S. Cutler,		51	39		298 28	59 39	51 60	Benjamin E. Chase.
No. 7.	Summer, Winter,	M. Ella Underwood, Miss Bradford,	8	16	15	26 00	128 66	59 39	22 15	D. M. Thom.
No. 8.	Summer, Winter,	Lizzie Wilson, Mary Thom,	9 14	37 49	28 32	32 00	112 01	59 39	19 37	Alden Prescott.
No. 9.	Summer, Winter,	Emogene Thomas, Eliza Flanders,	10 12	24 29	18 23	32 00 34 00	119 89	59 39	20 74	Stephen Bailey.
No. 10.	Summer, Winter,	Georgie L. Cook, Nellie F. Little,	13 23	32 31	28 20	25 00 25 00	106 62	59 39	18 44	Robert Chase.

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PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

THE first term, which was commenced under the direction of your former committee, was taught by Miss Webster, who had taught three previous terms, with a good degree of success; and we know of no reason why this term was not as successful as those before taught by her.

The second term, which is now in session in the ante-room of Salem Hall, (a room altogether inadequate for the purpose,) is under the instruction of Miss Grace S. Vincent, who has had some experience in teaching. It was evident from the first that she had the hearts of her pupils, without which, success in a primary school is impossible. And whatever advancement may

be shown at its close, thus far your committee are well satisfied with the school.

During the Summer, as most of the large scholars did not attend school, your committee thought best to unite the two departments. After being disappointed in the teacher we engaged, we secured the services of Miss M. S. Allen. As this was her first school, and not having the co-operation of the parents, this school did not succeed as well as was hoped; and after continuing six weeks, your committee thought best to close the school. We hear Miss Allen has since taught in Haverhill, Mass., to the entire satisfaction of the Board of Education.

The second term, commencing in July, was taught by Miss Underwood, who was a teacher of some experience, having taught some of our best schools in town; and we are pleased to say, that she sustained her reputation as a teacher.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT.

The Winter Term in this department is under the instruction of Miss Minard, who taught in this district some two years since; and your committee at that time thought her to be a superior teacher; and whatever others may think, your present committee confirm their opinion. This school will continue some two weeks longer, and we have no doubt that, at its close, it will be pronounced a success.

In closing our Report we beg leave to make a few suggestions. It is evident to your committee that it is impossible to have a graded school satisfactory to all, unless we can have two rooms, so that both departments can be in operation at the same time; and as there is no room in the village, suitable for either branch, which can be rented, we earnestly hope that the district will take measures the present season to provide a room, either by raising our school house, and finishing a room under the same, or building a new house. Your committee think that parents are doing their children a great injustice by taking them from, or allowing

them to leave school at too early an age, for the sake of the few dollars which they can earn on the farm or in the shoe shop ; for, sooner or later, they will see that they have lost valuable opportunities, which will never again be presented.

BENJ. R. WHEELER,	}	<i>Superintending</i>
REV. MATTHEW H. GATES,		<i>School Committee,</i>
GEORGE C. HOWARD, M. D.,		<i>District No. 1.</i>

